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For : Method and Apparatus for Transferring an Article Between Fluid-Filled Vessels

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

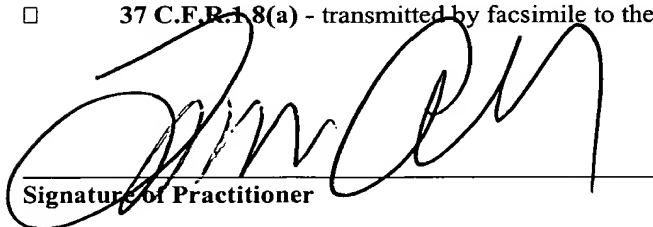
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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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 - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
 - iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
 - iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
 - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

3. a) Previously submitted
- ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on April 16, 2003.
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
 - ☐ Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
 - ☐ An amendment
 - ☐ New arguments
 - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
 - ☐ Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:
☒ Large entity \$750.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$750.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) | | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | Small Entity | | | Large Entity | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|----|-----------------|----------|
| | Claims remaining after amendment | | Highest No. previously paid for | Present Extra | Rate | Add. Fee | Or | Rate | Add. Fee |
| Total | 18 | Minus | | | x\$9= | \$ | | x\$18= | \$ |
| Indep. | 2 | Minus | | | x\$42= | \$ | | x\$84= | \$ |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | | +\$140= | \$ | | +\$280= | |
| | | | | | Total Addit.Fee | | Or | Total Addit.Fee | |

- (c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Extension one month | Large Entity \$ 110.00 | Small Entity \$ 55.00 |
| | | Fee: | \$ 110.00 |

TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e)) | \$750.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) | \$110.00 |
| | Total Fees Due | \$860.00 |

PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:
- ☒ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$860.00
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

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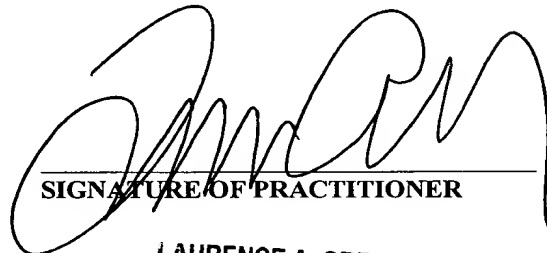
INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:
- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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